

MIDDLETON ~ CUM- FORDLEY



NEWSLETTER

April 2023

Editorial

I thought I would use a photo of Holy Trinity Church this month for the front cover – as we are going into Easter Week. It was taken from by the school back gate.

After the ‘Snowdrop fest’ we now have a ‘daffs fest’, the village is resplendent with daffodils everywhere you look, and the primroses/primulas too. Let’s hope for some really nice warm weather now for the Easter holidays.

We seem to have crept up to 20 pages again this month – so much to advertise or report back on!

Contributions for the next edition to me by email preferably as a WORD doc please to barbara.barker.t21@btinternet.com or dropped in to 6 Meadowview, Rectory Road, by **Tuesday 25th APRIL.**

Spare paper copies will be in the church porch as usual. Also to be found on the Parish website. www.middletoncumfordley.org.uk.

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<h2>FOUND - and still not claimed</h2> <p>An envelope containing some cash was found over a week ago in The Bell car park. It must belong to someone – perhaps visiting the bottle bank? It is thought unlikely to be a parent from the school as it was found on a Sunday but who knows? Someone must. Contact Julian at the pub or on 07828155389</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Village Green Group</u></p> <p>We now have seeds on their way for the green and instructions for planting but our donator advises the need for a garden roller. Could anyone lend us one for a short time please? Contact Sue - suelpeel47@gmail.com</p>
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Two gates, surplus to requirements , free to takeaway.

Tel Rob on 648925 or 07745909353

Dear all

There is a new Heritage Centre on the Waterfront in Ipswich called **The Hold** and I'm going on a private tour of its facilities on Monday 3rd April with some of my Soroptimist friends.

This is for a one hour behind the scenes tour. Cost is £50, **ie £5 a head for a minimum of 10 people**. There are 7 of us currently going and it would be great if at least 3 people from Middleton could make it as well. There is a nice cafe where we can have coffee etc afterwards and those who want to could visit the current exhibition (Suffolk's Green Story).

The Hold came about through a collaboration between Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Archives and the University of Suffolk. It has received funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, other National organisations and local Suffolk Heritage Groups.

Essentially The Hold has pulled together all the records from a variety of old, unsuitable buildings and placed everything in one purpose-built building with the right humidity and space to keep new records and some physical items.

We have at least 3 spaces to fill . Roy will be going with me and both of us are happy to drive and take anyone else and between us we can take 4 more people. The tour starts at 10am, which I know is a bit early as we'll have to leave Middleton by just before 9am, but it is a very interesting place. And if you wanted to combine it with shopping in Ipswich you could always drive yourself rather than come with us - there are still some shops open in the town!.

The Hold is located opposite the main University of Suffolk Building (you may have seen the big question mark outside) and has its own parking area within the University car park. I've been there a couple of times for events and it is really worthwhile.

So if you'd like to come and can make the morning of Monday 3rd April do let me know. Cost is £5 per person if we get a total of 10 coming, a little bit more if there are fewer attending. Hope some of you can make it. Please pass it on to anyone else who you think might be interested.

Pat pat.dowding@gmail.com



The Summer Winers

Hi all

Although we have our list for maintenance jobs around the village, such as tidying the playing field and the Moor, we thought it would be great to ask you all in the village for (sensible) suggestions regarding what else we might include in our to-do list.

We only work an hour or two per week so can't undertake anything too major, but please let's have your ideas and we will consider them all.

With limited time and resources there may be things suggested that we can't accommodate. Please don't be offended if your suggestion is one of them!

Contact Graham on 07861 762844 or email on bentyg@notmail.com
(A text or WhatsApp message is fine too)

Freebies from Karen & Graham

Free to a good home: Kids Pool Table – 6' x 3', Wooden base so a bit wonky but still great fun for the kids. Two sets of balls (Snooker & pool) and cues. Feel free to come and have a look.

Middleton Coronation Picnic

Sunday 7th May

12:30 – 2:30pm

Middleton Playing Field

Live Music from Piccadilly Swing

**Bring your own picnic and chairs and
join our community to celebrate with
friends**

Free Celebration Cake and Ice Creams

Free Tea, Coffee and Soft Drinks

Outdoor Bar

Homemade CROWN Competition

Prizes for the best crowns



The Friends of Middleton School PTA would like to thank everybody who contributed and donated to our Quiz Night. A fun and at times deep-thinking time was had by all, along with the bar and delicious array of food by Sarah Jennings. We shall definitely be repeating our School Quiz Night again in the future. Everyone's efforts culminated in £379 being raised, which will pay for the coach to take all of the children to visit Jimmy's Farm. Thank you - You make a real difference to our School.

Look out for our next community event: An Extraordinary Summer Raffle!

Rebecca



WI News

At our March meeting, Victoria Hayden came to talk to us about Pilates, a form of exercise that was developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century. He was a sickly child with various ailments such as asthma and rickets. He decided to try to make himself well by using exercise combining bits of dance, martial arts, yoga, gymnastics and ballet. He designed a complete body system, a balance of mind, body and spirit. This system helps body conditioning, strength, muscle tone, joints and flexibility. Joseph Pilates lived to be 83! Victoria said that Pilates which she has been teaching for 16 years would help practitioners with core strength, alignment of spine and awareness of breath. For women, combined with a diet high in calcium containing foods and Vitamin D, these exercises help bone density.

Having told us the benefits, Victoria then suggested that as a group we might try a movement ourselves: pelvic floor work. The instruction was to either sit or stand, relax the shoulders but clench the right muscles below and breathe at the same time. The "powerhouse" version was to do this and also hold in the stomach. Concentration was definitely needed! To show us a few more moves, Victoria asked Lynda and Pat who have been doing Pilates for a while to demonstrate on the floor mats. Lying on their backs they showed us spine curls, hip rolls and climbing a tree. Lying on their front they showed a diamond press, standing they did a side bend. All these movements were slow and mostly small. Pilates is to mobilise through movement. To end we all tried to balance on one leg, a stable ankle is needed for that. Victoria assured us that Pilates can be for everyone from beginners to advanced. For those members who were strangers to Pilates it was very useful to learn exactly what this form of exercise is all about. We thanked Victoria for her enthusiastic, informative talk.



Our April meeting will be on the 19th at 7:15 pm. "Supper, Subs, and Resolutions".

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HOLY TRINITY – MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY



Services during April

Sunday 9 April 11am Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 23 April 11am Holy Communion at Theberton

Benefice Easter Services

Washing of Feet, Maundy Thursday at Theberton, 7 April at 6.30pm

Stations of The Cross, Good Friday in Yoxford, 8 April at 2pm

Sunrise Beach Service in Dunwich, 9 April at 6pm



The Benefice service this month will be at Sibton

Sunday 2 April at 10am

Please come along

Please note that from May we will be returning to two services a month at Holy Trinity. Generally speaking, this will entail a Holy Communion every month and then alternating between a PCC led gathering and a visiting speaker for the second service.

HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Holy Trinity Church, Middleton APCM will be held on Tuesday 9 May at 2.30pm in the Church. Everyone is welcome.

The Revd. John Kemp

We are sad to announce that John Kemp died on Friday 24th March. He was at home, with Joy and members of the family. His funeral will be held at Holy Trinity Middleton on Wednesday 12th April at 2pm. All who wish to do so are welcome to attend.

Jenny Kemp



Holy Dusters 🧹

New dusters always welcome, of all faiths and none...



5 April - Amanda and Irene

3 May - Val and Camilla

7 June - Mark and Liz

19 April - Trish and Graham

17 May - Rob and Paul

21 June - Margaret and Nicola

Give and Take Food Bank

(which may now include essential toiletries)

Working happily in tandem with the new G&T initiative in the village phone box on the green, we are continuing our small 'give and take' food bank at the back of the church. People are welcome to either donate or collect dried and tinned food as their circumstances allow. Any food remaining at the end of each month is being delivered to the foodbanks in Saxmundham and Leiston. With thanks to all who have already contributed to both these initiatives.

Thought for the month

“The important thing is not to think much but to love much, and so to do whatever best awakens you to love.”

Teresa of Avila

Choral Evensong at Holy Trinity Church, Middleton

Sunday May 21st 2023 at 6pm

Sung by *Jubilate*

The Suffolk-based choir Jubilate, led by Martyn Bagnall, will be making a welcome return to Middleton Church on Sunday May 21st at 6pm for Choral Evensong. Jubilate was formed to take evensong into churches across Suffolk which do not have their own choir, and this is their third visit to Middleton. The lovely acoustic in Holy Trinity makes it an especially moving and unique event. Please do join us. Refreshments will follow the service.



April Nature Notes

April is the month when it is traditional to listen for the first cuckoo of spring, however, this has become increasingly difficult in recent years as the numbers of cuckoos has severely declined. British Trust for Ornithology surveys suggest a national fall of 70 per cent since 1994, albeit with much regional variation. It is the populations in the southern half of Britain that have undergone the greatest decline, while those in Scotland have increased, something that has been linked to the different routes used by migrating cuckoos as they travel to and from their sub-Saharan African wintering grounds. Though, not as common as they were, in Middleton we are still fortunate to be able to hear the familiar two-note call along the Minsmere river as male cuckoos advertise their presence to potential mates and other males.

Cuckoos are well known as being a “parasitic” bird in that the female lays her egg in the nests of other species. They pick numerous different hosts in many diverse habitats, but three species: the meadow pipit, dunnock and reed warbler account for 80 per cent of host records. But what makes a particular female cuckoo choose to parasitise the nest of a certain species? A female cuckoo raised by reed warblers, for example, is, like her mother before her, genetically predisposed to choose such hosts when she becomes old enough to breed for herself. Furthermore, her eggs will look like those of the reed warbler. Research suggests that this host-specific trait is carried only by the female chromosome, and therefore it can be passed on without any direct contribution from the male.

Female cuckoos have evolved a number of ways of deceiving the host bird to make sure that imposters egg remains in place while the hosts brood fails. When the female cuckoo visits the nest to lay her egg, she will also remove one of the host's eggs within the nest. Thus, when the female host returns, she will have exactly the same number of eggs. The cuckoo's visit to the nest is also very quick, to reduce the chance of being spotted by the host, and she is only there for about 10 seconds. She is able to lay in such a short



time because she retained her egg within her body for up to an extra 24 hours, long after it was encased in a shell. Since she has no time to properly settle on the nest, her egg may fall a short distance, but it will not break, not even if it lands on another egg, because its shell is twice as thick as those of the host bird. The cuckoo's egg looks remarkably like the host's eggs. Each race of cuckoo is specialised in targeting a specific host species, and will produce eggs that look like that species' eggs. In an evolutionary arms race, the hosts have gradually added designs (all those swirls and dots) to their eggs, but in response, so have the cuckoos. Timing is vital. The baby cuckoo hatches before the hosts eggs which is why the female cuckoo spies on the selected nest to time her egg laying perfectly. The incubation it needs is one or two days fewer than that required by the hosts' eggs, so the young cuckoo almost always hatches first. Cuckoos are very much larger than the birds they parasitize and they require a lot of insects to fuel their growth, so the chick can't afford other youngsters being in the nest and taking some of its food. The newly-hatched chick, therefore, immediately gets to work. Even though it is just a few minutes old and still completely blind, the chick is hardwired to kick the legitimate eggs out of the nest until the cuckoo chick is the only one remaining in the nest. If one of the other eggs has hatched before the chick, the other chick also gets thrown out of the nest. A cuckoo, can lay up to 25 eggs in a single season, several times more than the average for a bird of its size. And since she doesn't need to raise any of them by herself, the cuckoo only needs to stay in Britain for a few weeks - arriving in late April and are usually gone by early July, the shortest visit to these shores of any migrating bird.

Peter Vincent



Would you be willing to help us make this popular village event a success?

We have our gardens! Now, we are keen to put together the team that will offer refreshments to our visitors; from making cakes beforehand, to serving teas & snacks over the weekend; we would value your contributions

Middleton Open Gardens

3rd & 4th June

If you feel able to offer some of your time over this summer weekend, please email, text, or call me.

Christine Burgess 07826 840478 or christineburgess29@gmail.com



NGS - Snowdrop Festival at Manor House



A huge THANK YOU to everyone who was able to come along and support our Open Garden for the NGS on 26th February. It was a bitterly cold day, but dry and bright - so a huge improvement on last year's effort(!) - as was the end result; 120 visitors raising a magnificent £720 for the NGS charities.

An extra big thank you to all the lovely locals who braved that cold and shared the day with us, either as volunteers, visitors and/or book & food donators - you are all wonderful.

The snowdrops and aconites held on and many other bulbs were starting to show as well as shrubs and trees budding optimistically!

It was altogether a lovely day and well worth all the effort.

Next opening - the Middleton Open Gardens weekend of 3-4 June!

NOTICE – from Steve and Mandy

We have a large collection of RHS magazines (The Garden & The Plantsman) that are free to a good home.

Useful articles about seasonal plants/planting etc regardless of how old the magazine is!

Happy to deliver - please ring 01728 648212/[email mobilemandy@me.com](mailto:emailmobilemandy@me.com)

SAVE THE DATE

Mandy & Steve will again be having Honey & the Bear perform in the meadow at Manor House gardens, this year on **Sunday 6th August** - more details in due course, but please book the date in your diary if you would like to come along.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF THE UMBRELLA TREE

MIDDLETON MOOR FEBRUARY 2023



Photo: Thomas Brown



Photo: Mark Mitchels

Who will dance with the wind now that you're really gone?
Who will catch the sun's rays on the hot summer morn?
Who will slow down the gust when it's out of control?
Who will dilute the air that's toxic to my soul?
Who will speak to the clouds about sending the rain?
Who will shelter me from the storm and soothe my pain?
Who will stand in the rain when others hide away?
Who will provide a place for little birds to play?
Who will catch my rain drops before they touch the ground?
Who will keep luxuriant grass from turning brown?
Who will present me a fruit for my morning dish?
Who will nourish my eyes and satisfy my wish?
Who will fix this huge hole in the soil of my heart?
Who will give me comfort now that we are apart?

Howard The Motivational Poet Simon

Village Hall News

Mandy and Steve recently 'organised/supervised' the working party clearing the area behind the village hall . All thanks to the task force's speedy efforts (Richard, Alan, Graham and Trish), clearing in the morning meant that they could get straight on in the afternoon with planting up all the cuttings etc that they've been bringing on. The nasty squally showers at the time were perfect for helping the new plants settle in (even if they weren't such fun to work in!)

Unfortunately they found a couple of large parts of the rope matting appeared to have been cut away and removed from the banks - so two areas had collapsed. They've pushed the soil back up but it could well just come down again. Hopefully the new plantings will help to hold things once they're established. The wire netting was all still in place (they've cut holes through that to plant, but otherwise its intact).

"We planted out a total of 68 well-rooted plants that are now settling into the ground there (worth mentioning 'cos when we stood back at the end, it really doesn't look like much!) We added a spoonful of mycorrhizal fungi with each plant to give them a really good start - and the rain this week should settle them in nicely. We've put three different sorts of Cotoneaster at the top in the hope they will hold back the larger stuff up there & stop the weeds creeping down from the top, plus will mat over the ground in due course. We then planted loads of the Geranium macrorrhizum into the steepest part of the slope as that should cope with the dry soil there and again, mat together in time, hopefully stopping the soil from moving down too much. At the side we put some clumps of Symphytum which will spread out well - and at the base some wild bulbs, Sea Lavender and Erigeron daisy all of which should spread as they'll enjoy the dry, sandy, sunny spot".

Are there any volunteer weeders that could lend a hand for a while on Monday 3rd April to weed around the new plants to ensure they don't get overwhelmed & give them a chance to get going.



Many thanks to all working on this project –
V.H. Committee.



MIDDLETON VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT

AGM 2023

Tuesday May 2nd 7pm at the Village Hall.

Everyone invited to attend.

As reported previously our village hall is 100 years old this year. The current, quite small, management group have worked hard to maintain and improve the hall structure and facilities and indeed are continuing to do so. BUT - we could do with a few more volunteers to make sure we can continue 'keep up the good work'. We have been very lucky to obtain the Local Authority 'Covid' grants over the past few years but with costs of everything rising we are eating into our reserves at a rate of knots now and fundraising will inevitably have to start again.

We only meet formally 4 or 5 times a year, issues can often be dealt with in the interim periods by email. Could you volunteer perhaps to be the 'odd job person' we could call on when minor maintenance needed attending to? Why not come along to the AGM to meet us.

MIDDLETON COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting

will be held on

Monday 15 May 2023 at 7pm

in the Village Hall

Everyone is welcome – you don't have to join

The Community Council remit is to organise social events for the village, which it has been doing most successfully for over 50 years. (obviously not the present incumbents!) It is not connected to the Parish Council in any way but it does have registered charity status.

It doesn't matter if you are new to the village – come along and see what we are about. Bring us some new ideas that you'd like to see introduced, or simply let us know you wouldn't mind helping out at things like the fete without being on the committee.

We value your feedback – come and tell us if we are doing a good job or could do better. If you have an idea but can't make the meeting just drop an email to the secretary tricia.cooke1@bopenworld.com .

Middleton Community Council

REMINDER : CALLING ALL YOUNG RESIDENTS

Each year the Community Council offers a bursary of up to £100 to support young village residents to participate in a worthwhile activity. So far most grants have been for travel, camera lenses, music lessons or instruments. All it takes is a letter, handwritten or electronic, putting your case and request and it will be considered by the committee. This year it could be you!

Please contact: tricia.cooke1@btopenworld.com Central House, The Street.

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Summer Wine visit HMS Gloucester exhibition

On Thursday 23rd March a party of Summer Winers and their partners visited Norwich to view the exhibition *HMS Gloucester - Norfolk's Royal Shipwreck*. We were treated to a magnificent display of artefacts found on the seabed recently by a small team of local divers. We were honoured to meet them and they were our guides. The exhibition organiser met us when we arrived and took us on a tour of the various items and materials on display. It was a real treat and the extraordinary story of the ship's disaster in 1682 was vividly told. The Gloucester was wrecked off the coast of Yarmouth when it struck a sandbank in the early hours of the morning. It sank in less than an hour with perhaps 200 people drowning. The heir to the throne, James Duke of York was the most distinguished passenger and it was his insistence of the course to be followed that is believed to have caused the shipwreck. On show in Norwich Castle is the ship's bell and lots of bottles of wine, and much more. It is hoped many more discoveries will be made over the next few years. The last picture shows the two divers, Julian and Lincoln Barnwell.



MIDDLETON CUM FORDLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2023
AT 7:00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr. Julian Cusack - Chair
Cllr. Roy Dowding
Cllr. Steve Thorpe
Cllr. Graham Lacey
Cllr. Charles Macdowell
Cllr. Lynda Whitbread
Cllr. Chris Reynolds

Apologies for absence:

Cllr. Lesley Taylor – written and accepted

In attendance:

Melanie Thurston – Locum Clerk
District Cllr. Russ Rainger
District Cllr. Tom Daly
4 members of the public

2. Councillors' Declarations of Interest. None

3. Public Forum

A member of the public expressed concern that the main village green in Middleton has suffered over the years. She would like to brighten up the area around the edges with wildflower seeds and some bulbs around the sundial and bench. It would bring nature and pollinating benefits to the green and would make it a nicer place to sit, would also help to reduce parking issues. It would be nice to involve the local children with the planting. She has canvassed the residents around the green and many are enthusiastic about this proposal. The Parish Council all agreed that this would be a great idea and suggested considering that the whole of the green be planted with wild flower seeds to make a meadow effect and to have pathways mown across. Cllr Thorpe would recommend that she canvass again to ask the residents if they support the whole of the green being planted. He would also like to know how they propose to maintain the area once planted. Member of the public advised that volunteers have offered to help with mowing and cutting pathways.

Cllr Whitbread may be able to locate a source of free seeds. Cllr Rainger informed that ESC In Bloom is providing bulbs free of charge if needed.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would invite interested residents to form a "Village Green Group" to take these proposals forward.

Member of the public informed that the Give & Take at the telephone box is doing really well, it is used by all age groups.

Member of the public asked who it is best to contact regarding parking on the recreation ground? The Chairman advised that it is a public carpark, however, if it is required to have the gates open for additional parking then contact Cllr Reynolds.

ESC Cllr Tom Daley reported that now is the time to apply for bundles of bulbs, suitable for planting next spring. The UK Shared Prosperity Scheme has funding set up for community pantries and grants of up to £4500 are available, closing date 15 March 2023.

Photo ID will be needed at the May elections.

ESC Cllr Russ Rainger encouraged participation in the Community Litter Picks – British Spring Clean. Equipment including picks and sacks are available from Suffolk Norse.

From 16 March the moratorium pre-election period will commence. He will not be standing for re-election, but thanked the Parish Council for their support.

4. Vacancies

a) To consider any applications received for the Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer vacancy.

The Chairman informed that advertisements have been placed but as yet no applicants.

b) To consider any applications received for the Councillor vacancy. None received.

5. Minutes

a) To approve as accurate the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2023.

The Council approved the minutes as an accurate record.

b) Matters arising from all meetings. These will all be covered in the agenda.

6. Sizewell C - To review the draft letter to EDF and the Local Authorities circulated with this Agenda and discuss arrangements for a second meeting with adjoining Parishes.

Cllr Macdowell reported that following on from the meeting with surrounding parish councils he has circulated the draft letter of response to EDF to the parishes. The letter relates to issues arising during the Early Years of the project before the Sizewell Link Road is operational. This is a key risk period when the existing road infrastructure - not just the B1122 - is being asked to take considerably more traffic than it ever has before, bringing significant new safety hazards to residents. Concerns relate to speed limits, pedestrian footpaths, highway maintenance and incident management. Cllr Thorpe reported that B1125 residents have also asked for a 20mph speed limits from Reckford Bridge to Yew Tree Corner. Cllr Macdowell suggested that this could be included for but may encounter push back from the Highways Authority.

Cllr Dowding stated that general reaction to a 20mph limit is not all favourable but all would like more control of the 30mph limit.

The Chairman read an extract of the draft letter "We call for a significant extension to the routes covered or proposed to be covered by speed limits. The routes for which we request speed limits are set out in Schedule 1. We also call for a significant commitment to the enforcement of existing and new speed limits, especially during the Early Years, and call upon EDF to make funds available to the Police Authority for this purpose". A member of the public reported that residents have already faced 6 months of heavy traffic to and from Sizewell, ahead of the 2 years, when does the 2 years start? Cllr Macdowell advised that the 2+ years of further heavy Sizewell traffic is expected to start when the SZC project is finally approved which could be in 18 months, following which we are likely to see 600 trucks a day travelling through Middleton.

The Chairman suggests waiting for the responses from the other Parish Council regarding the EDF letter. It was also suggested that we ask for Fordley Road to be 30mph or that this be extended to all the Quiet Lanes which could include Littlemoor Road, Fordley Road and Hawthorn Road. The Chairman thanked Cllr Macdowell for his efforts.

7. Trees

The Chairman advised that the so-called 'Umbrella' tree (a large sycamore) on the boundary of Middleton Moor, was taken down by the landowner. The Chairman also informed that he had recently done a walk of the village along with a member of the public and made a list of some of the notable trees with tree protection orders on them (TPOs) and those without. On the face of it there are some trees in the village that need to be protected. He suggested that, after the elections, the Parish Council compile a definitive list of those trees which may need to have a TPO. It was suggested that at this stage applications for TPOs should only be made with the support of the relevant landowner.

8. Administration

a) To conduct the annual review and approval of the Asset Register.

The Asset Register had been forwarded to all prior to the meeting. No major changes, therefore approved by all. The Chairman advised that the PC own a filing cabinet which is located in Yoxford Village Hall and that Yoxford Parish Council wish to purchase it. All agreed to sell it to Yoxford PC for £120.00.

b) To conduct the annual review and approval of the Internal Controls Statement.

The internal controls statement had been forward to all prior to the meeting. Approved by all.

9. Finance

It was agreed to:

- note the latest financial position and verify the transfer of last month's authorised payments.
- note the LGA 1972 s.137 expenditure limit of £8.22 per elector for the financial year 2022-2023 and £9.93 per elector for the financial year 2023-2024.
- approve the purchase of a replacement battery for the defibrillator costing £280 plus VAT.
- authorise the following payments:

Details	Payee	Amount	Power
Drop In Centre Hall Hire	Middleton Village Hall	£54.00	LGA 1972 s.137
Council Meetings Hall Hire	Middleton Village Hall	£233.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Locum Clerk Services (Feb)	Melanie Thurston	£93.00	LGA 1972 s.111
Defibrillator Pads	Active Med Supplies Ltd	£76.74	LGA 1972 s.111

10. Any Other Business

a. Elections. The Chairman encouraged all members of the Council to consider standing for re-election. The elections will be held on May 4th. The last date for nominations is April 4th. Contact the Chairman or another Parish Councillor for details and nomination forms.

Cllr Dowding informed that after being a parish councillor for 16 years he had decided not to reapply for re-election. The Chairman and the Council thanked him for his huge contribution to the Council and the Parish over this time in particular in relation to Sizewell C.

Cllr Whitbread also informed the Council that having completed the 4-year period, she is unable to commit further and will not reapply. The Chairman and the Council thanked her for her work for the Council over this period including with the Drop-In Centre. Cllr Whitbread said she is prepared to continue to help out with the Drop in Centre.

b. HASTO Housing. Cllr Thorpe reported that the maintenance team have planted a laurel hedge on the roadside hedgerow boundary fronting the housing development. This appears to be in breach of a planning condition to plant a native hedge. He has written to HASTO to inform them of this and ask them to comply with the approved landscaping plan.

11. Items for the Next Agenda. None proposed.

12. Next Meeting

The Council agreed the date and time of the next meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

Parish Council Report March 2023

Village Green

A new volunteer 'Village Green Group' has been formed to take forward ideas to improve the Village Green including creating wild-flower areas. If you are interested, please call Karen Coxon on 07519 194667.

Trees

The Parish Council agreed to compile a list of noteworthy trees in the village that might be appropriate subjects for Tree Preservation Orders. Please let me know of any trees that you think should be included.

Drop-in centre

Many thanks to Lesley Taylor and Lynda Whitbread for running the drop-in centre at the Village Hall. The number attending has been increasing. This takes place every Thursday from 11 – 1pm and will continue until the end of April.

Thank you to Roy Dowding

Very many thanks to Parish Council vice-chair Roy who has decided to retire from the Council after 16 years' service. His expertise on all matters Sizewell-related will be particularly missed.

Julian Cusack

Chair, Middleton cum Fordley Parish Council

March 25, 2023

REMINDER : The last date for nominations for election to the Parish Council is April 4th. Please do get in touch with me or another Parish Councillor if you would like to consider standing – I have plenty of nomination forms available!

Friend or foe?

Suspect the gardeners will say foe – others will say cute and friend!!

This little one was snapped in Mill Street by Brian Near.



Easter Tennis Camps

At Saxmundham Tennis Club

Every Tuesday and Thursday 9:30-3:30 (half days available)

Starting 4th April till the final one on the 13th April.

For ages 4-14, with all abilities welcome even those totally new to the sport, with rackets available to borrow. All they need are trainers, packed lunch, snacks and a water bottle.

Action packed day full of tennis coaching and games in the morning followed by multi-sports and more tennis in the afternoon.

£25 per child for a full day (£22 members) and £14 for half a day (£12 members).

To book, please head to;

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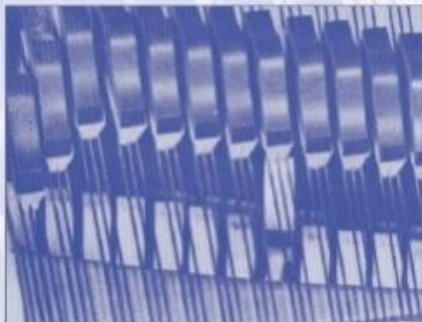
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Diary Dates 2023

April

Thursday 6 th	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Sunday 9 th	11am Easter Day Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Saturday 15 th	Vinyl Night at The Bell
Wednesday 19 th	WI - Village Hall - Supper, Subs & Resolutions 7.15pm
Sunday 23 rd	Holy Communion at Theberton 11 am

May

Tuesday 2 nd	Village Hall Management AGM 7pm
Thursday 4 th	Local council elections, Village Hall
Thursday 4 th	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Sunday 7 th	Coronation celebrations - Middleton Recreation Ground 12.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 9 th	The Holy Trinity Church APCM 2.30pm in the Church
Tuesday 9 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Monday 15 th	MCC AGM
Wednesday 17 th	WI - Village Hall - Richard Allenby-Pratt - 'The Suffolk Project' 7.15pm
Sunday 21 st	Choral Evensong with Jubilate, 6pm Holy Trinity.

June

Thursday 1 st	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Sat/Sun 3 rd /4 th	Open Gardens
Tuesday 13 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Wednesday 21 st	WI - Village Hall - Sylvia Hawes - 'Guide Dogs' 7.15pm
Saturday 24 th	MCC outdoor quiz - Recreation Ground 6.30pm (Village Hall if wet)

July

Thursday 6 th	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Saturday 8 th	Vinyl Night at The Bell
Tuesday 11 th	Parish council meeting, Village Hall 7pm
Saturday 15 th	Summer boules – Recreation Ground 10am
Wednesday 19 th	WI -Garden Party
Sat/Sun 22 nd /23 rd	Centenary Archives for the Village Hall

August

Thursday 3 rd	"Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from 8pm
Sunday 6 th	Live music at Manor House - 'Honey and the Bear'
Saturday 26 th	Annual Village Fete

September

Saturday 2nd Vinyl Night at The Bell
Thursday 7th "Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from **8pm**
Tuesday 12th Parish council meeting, Village Hall **7pm**
Wednesday 20th WI - Village Hall - Steve Everett - Red Deer **7.15pm**

October

Thursday 5th "Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from **8pm**
Tuesday 10th Parish council meeting, Village Hall **7pm**
Saturday 14th Autumn Fair
Wednesday 18th WI - Village Hall - Katie Osborn - 'Beach bonkers' **7.15pm**

November

Thursday 2nd "Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from **8pm**
Tuesday 14th Parish council meeting, Village Hall **7pm**
Wednesday 15th WI - Village Hall - Cheese & Wine evening + AGM **7.15pm**

December

Saturday 2nd Santa Boules - Recreation Ground **10am**
Thursday 7th "Squit Night" - live music at The Bell - from **8pm**
Saturday 9th MCC Christmas Party
Tuesday 12th Parish council meeting, Village Hall **7pm**
Wednesday 20th WI - Village Hall - Christmas celebration **7.15pm**

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